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The South African Local Government Association (SALGA), a public entity established by the Organised Local Government Act (Act 52 of 1997) to assist in the comprehensive transformation of local government in South Africa, is seeking individuals to serve on the Research Advisory Panel.

This panel consists of experts from a range of local government professional disciplines within the public and private sector, who are considered thought leaders in their field and share SALGA's commitment to the sector. The advisory panel will serve to strengthen the research function in the organization through support and guidance on the research agenda; theoretical framing of research topics; and the dissemination of research outputs.

This panel will function to:

- Connect and collaborate with other local government stakeholders
- Develop transversal solutions to long-standing challenges
- Share and learn good practices for improving service delivery

Members can be nominated by any member of the public and individuals are also encouraged to nominate themselves. Nominees who will enhance the diversity of the advisory panel are particularly encouraged to apply.

Criteria for Nominations

Persons eligible for nomination must be experts in the field of Public Policy, Economics, Transport Economics Public Finance or Political Science, Urban and Regional Planning / Town Planning, Engineering, Public Administration and related Human/Social Sciences.

Advisory Panel members will be expected to assist SALGA to strengthen the research function in the organization through support and guidance on the research agenda; theoretical framing of research topics; and the dissemination of research outputs.

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Required Competencies

Nominees must have an understanding of the Local Government Sector;

They must hold a postgraduate degree (preferably Masters or PhD) in either the field of Public Policy, Economics, Transport Economics, Public Finance, Political Science, Urban and Regional Planning / Town Planning, Data Science, Engineering, Public Administration or related Human/Social Sciences;

They must have knowledge and research experience in local government in South Africa;

They must have at least 10 – 15 years working experience in a field related to the local government sector.

Selection of Advisory Panel

Letters of nomination should clearly describe the candidate's specific expertise and qualifications related to the criteria above.

Nomination material must include a letter from the nominee indicating a willingness to serve for at least two years and not longer than five years, a brief statement of the nominee's qualifications and a full Curriculum Vitae.

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Nominations should be forwarded by e-mail to research@salga.org.za using the subject line, "Nomination for Research Advisory Panel".

Closing date: **30 November 2021, 12:00**



